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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

2 9 2007 Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", insert the paragraph --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/CA99/01008 which has an International filing date of October 27, 1999, which designated the United States of America and was published in English.